



NASHVILLE SHERIFF

DAVIDSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003
2024 Annual Report

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Results of the PREA Audit: September 30 to October 4, 2024

The Davidson County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) awaiting the report from the on-site Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) compliance audit in all five housing facilities. No negative results were noted during the audit process.

Improved PREA Standards:

Supervision and Monitoring: PREA 115.13

Staffing levels, while critical at times, maintained appropriate levels with the implementation of the Facility Officer (F/O) program to maintain compliance with PREA.

Upgrades to Facilities and Technology: PREA 115.18

Additional Cameras were installed to correct blind spot concerns identified by DCSO staff prior to the PREA audit.

2024 Action Items:

a. The Agency:

The Nashville Davidson County Sheriff's Office PREA Coordinator, Shawn Nelson has been working with new facility administrators.

- The agency has made several upgrades to facilities with the addition of more cameras to cover blind spots to cover areas identified as potential locations for PREA incidents.
- The reporting process for PREA allegations have been updated to maintain confidentiality of reporting sexual abuse incidents by using the Sensitive Access Incident Report (SAIR) system rather than the Jail Management System (JMS).
- Review reporting systems with newly-promoted captains regarding the PREA reporting checklist review the proper reporting of all sexual abuse and harassment allegations.

b. Sexual Abuse Incident Reviews:

Fifteen cases met the guidelines to be reviewed during the Sexual Abuse Incident Review meeting. Two cases required recommendations or corrective actions.

- Meetings were conducted through Zoom to accommodate administrators and other participants, and, therefore, did not require additional time to travel across the county in order to participate in the reviews.
- The agency continues to improve responsiveness to address housing of all inmates (especially LGBTQIA+ inmates) to ensure appropriate and safer housing placement for everyone.

Aggregated Data for 2024/Data Collection:

During 2024, there were 41 reported allegations of sexual abuse by inmates, staff, or third party reporting which met PREA reporting guidelines.

There were 7 initial inquiry allegations reported during 2024 which were closed at initial review as unfounded. There was 15 cases which were determined to be unfounded by the facility PREA compliance manager or the investigations division because of a recanted statement, video

proof, the allegation was physically impossible, or additional evidence/relevant documentation which shows clear and convincing evidence that the allegation is false.

The **Comparison of Allegations by Type** chart demonstrates the breakdown of types of PREA allegations reported and the result of the investigation. It also shows a comparison to the previous year's data:

Chart A: Facility Comparison for Inmate on Inmate Sexual Abuse 2023/2024

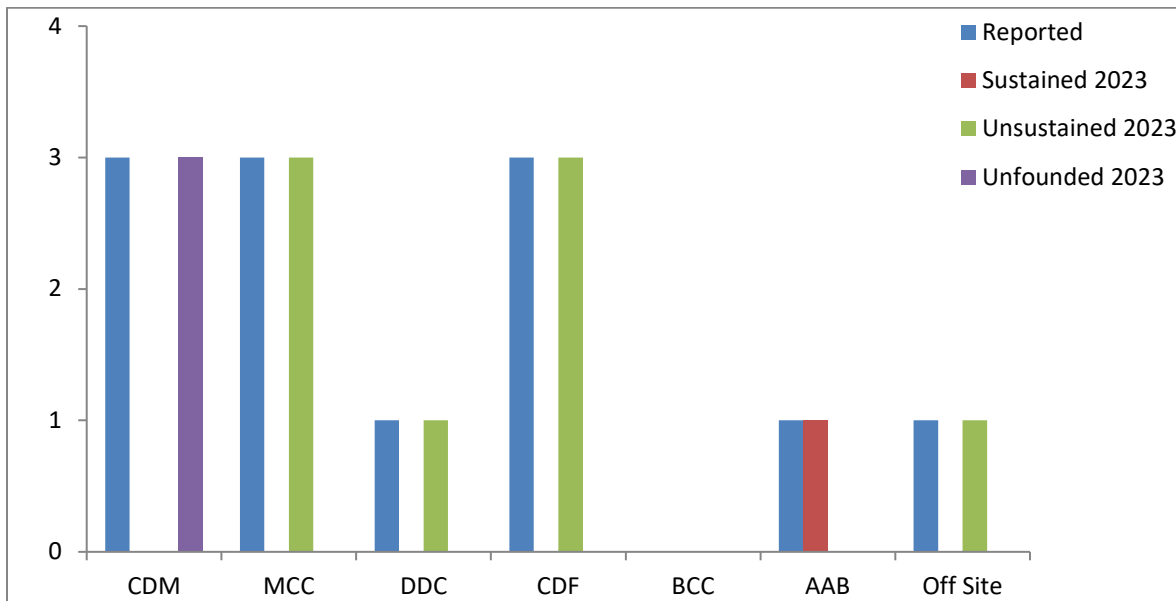
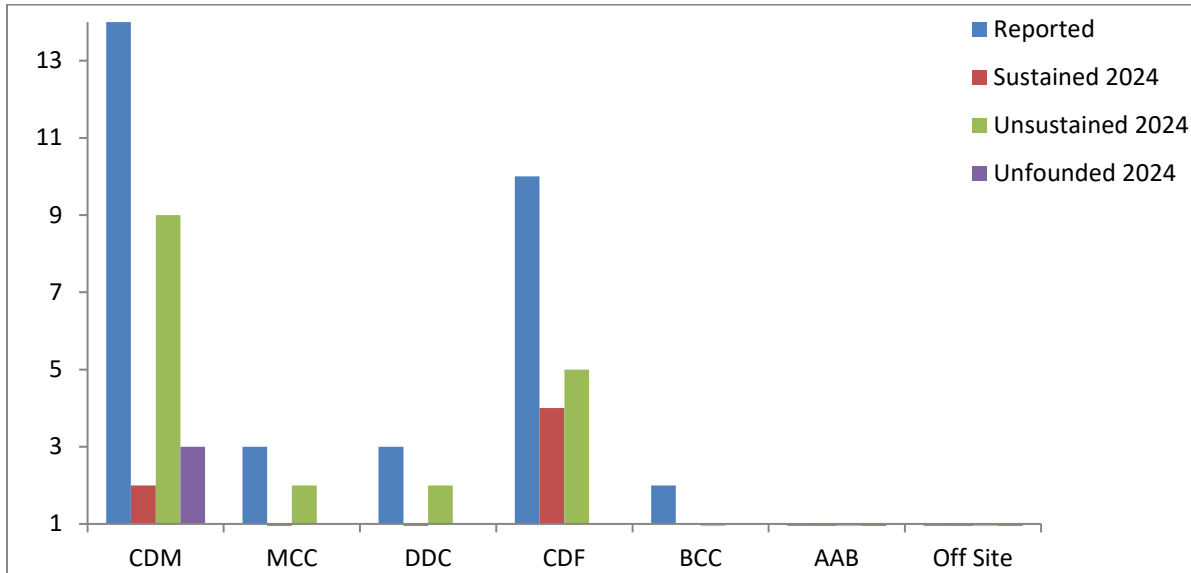
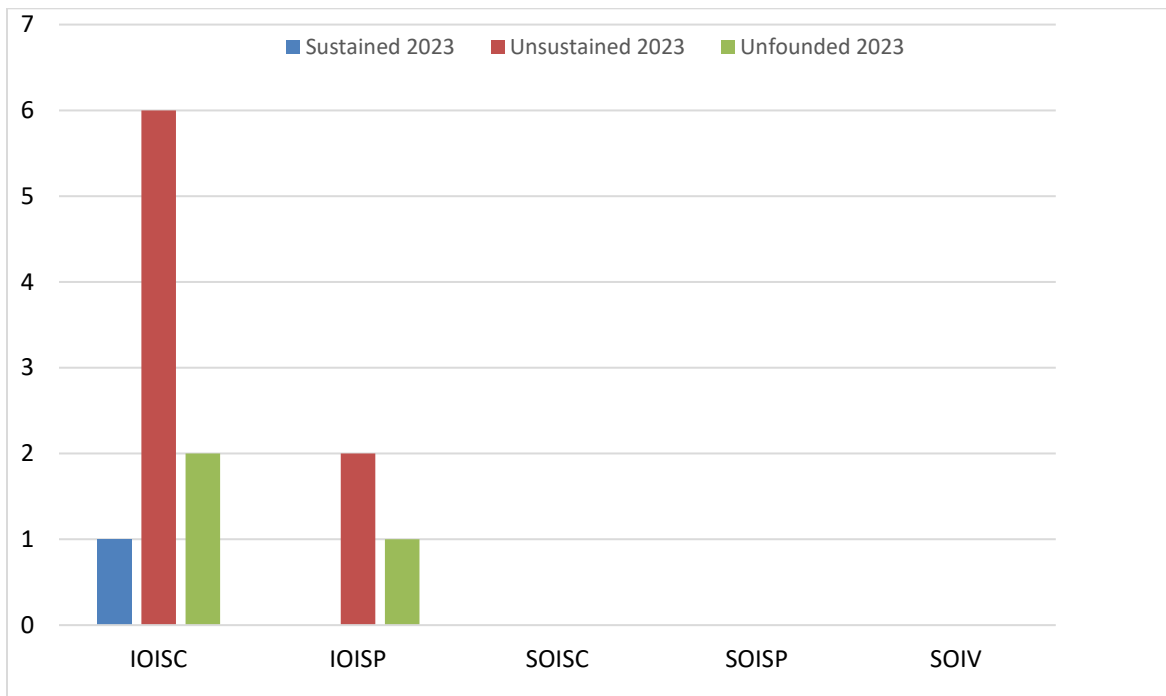
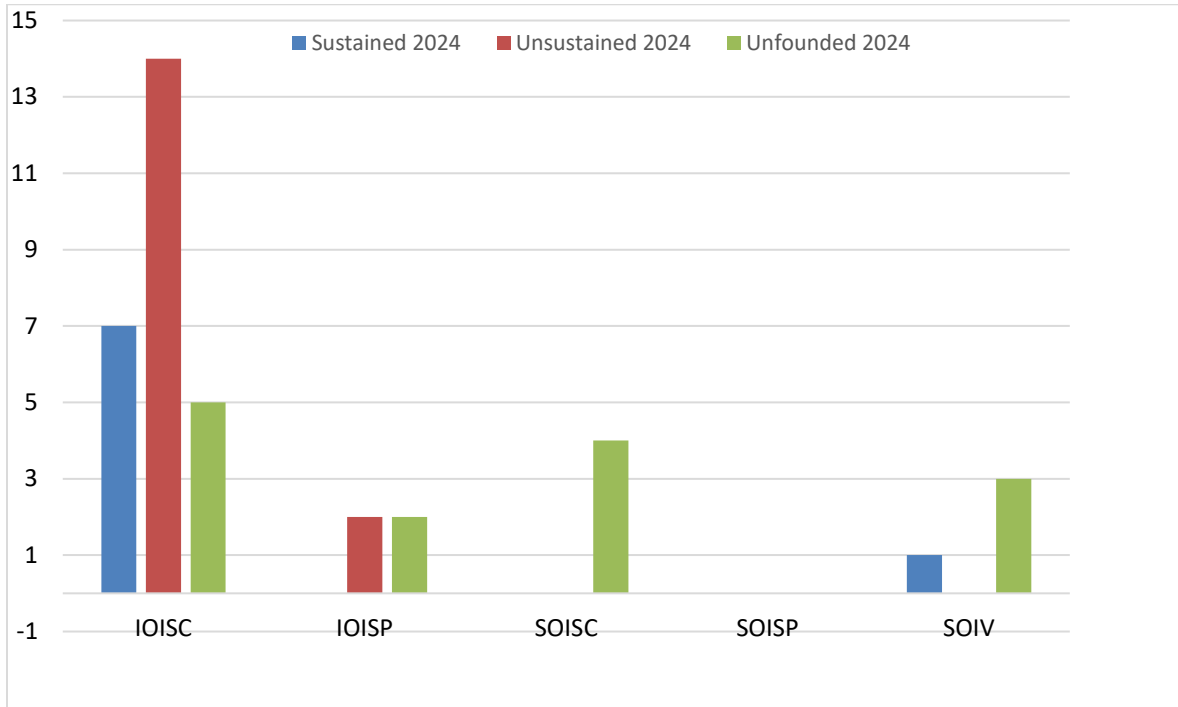
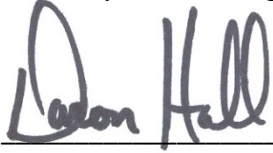


Chart B: Comparison for Categories of Inmate on Inmate Sexual Assault 2023/2024



A focus of the Nashville-Davidson County Sheriff's Office is continued progress toward PREA compliance for the agency. Our goal is to continue to reduce PREA allegations, promote a safe environment for the incarcerated population to report allegations, and a coordinated staff response which is professional, positive, and timely. Our agency continues to improve PREA awareness through innovative thinking in training, policies, procedures, and practices at all levels. The statistical information presented clearly demonstrates that all allegations are taken seriously and investigated thoroughly.



Sheriff Daron Hall

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